



City of Ridgecrest
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A.C.T.I.O.N. Task Force
Kerr McGee Community Center Meeting Rooms
January 20, 2015
4:00 pm

Minutes

Committee Members: City Councilman Eddie Thomas, City Councilwoman Lori Acton, Chief of Police Ron Strand

Recording Secretary: Lori Blowers, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Councilman Eddie Thomas.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by everyone present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There was a motion from Councilwoman Lori Acton to approve the agenda, second by Chief Ron Strand. All in favor.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

UPDATES ON STRATEGY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. School Reports

Officer Keys – Truancies are down as they are checking with the schools on a daily basis. School Resource Officers (SRO), are knocking on parents doors. The parents and students are being cited. SRO's are working much closer with Opportunities for Learning and Mesquite High School. More male teachers are stepping up to be mentors with the students. SRO is assisting parents in reestablishing parent skills and empowering them to become proactive. Kern Regional and CPS are providing benefits and programs, such as parenting classes to assist the parents in doing so. The principal's feedback has been very positive. Success story: A student has returned to their 1st day of school after being absent for 1 ½ years.

The Adolescent Substance Abuse Program is getting closer to being established. Ridgecrest and Bakersfield agencies are collaborating in a near future meeting to provide a matrix program that is being used in Delano High School.

2. Neighborhood Watch

Andy Pudgorski – Program hasn't received any calls. No issues at this time. The P.A.C.T. volunteers are out on surveillance. New signs and booklets have been ordered.

Graffiti has decreased significantly.

3. Teen Court

There is nothing to report at this time.

4. **Citizen's Academy**

The program will be starting up attentively in February, 2015. It's still being designed. There will be approximately 20 students for 9 weeks, 1 week a night.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- **Next meeting: March 17th, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at Kerr McGee Center**

ADJOURNMENT – The official meeting was adjourned by Councilman Eddie Thomas.